

COVER PIECE AND METHOD FOR COFFEE CUP LIDS

Related Applications

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial  
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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a cover piece and method for  
15 covering the opening in the lid for a coffee cup, and more particularly to  
such a cover piece which has an adhesive layer and which can  
conveniently and reliably be placed over the opening to prevent spilling of  
the coffee, and can easily and reliably be removed and replaced.

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Background of the Invention

One common way for restaurants to serve coffee to customers is  
with a disposable cup, which often has a disposable lid, covering the cup  
in which the coffee is being served. This is done in fast food restaurants  
25 which serve the food and coffee over the counters, where it can be taken  
off the premises. Also, these are used for drive-through restaurants where  
the car drives to a service window, and the coffee and also other  
beverages and/or food are served through the window. There are a  
number of establishments which serve coffee and/or other beverages  
30 exclusively for drive-through customers.

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